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Serial No. 09/881,486	Filing Date June 14, 2001	Examiner To Be Assigned	Group Art Unit 2622
Inventor Tomoya Kamata			
Title of Invention Method for Driving Paper-Feeding Stepping Motor in Thermal Printer			

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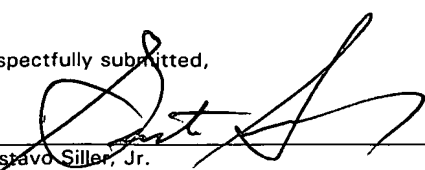
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
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For Method for Driving Paper-Feeding	)	Group Art Unit No. 2622
Stepping Motor in Thermal Printer	)	

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligation under 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.99, Applicant hereby submits references B1 – B5 listed on the attached form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed herewith. Also enclosed is a copy of the European Search Report issued on December 2, 2002 for the corresponding European Patent Application No. EP0,882,596 A2 of the above-identified application.

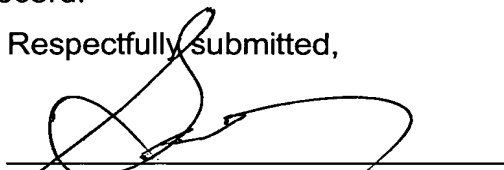
The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission that the information cited herein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.56(b). Further, Applicant reserves the right to contest these references as prior art against the present application, and Applicant does not believe that the disclosure of these references, even if finally

determined to be prior art, anticipates Applicant's invention or that these references make Applicant's invention obvious.

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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	B2	EP0,882,596 A2	12/1998	Europe		X	
	B3	Japanese Publication No. 09,065,694	03/1997	Japan		X (Abstract)	
	B4	Japanese Publication No. 10,323,091	12/1998	Japan		X (Abstract)	
	B5	Japanese Publication No. 06,328,758	11/1994	Japan		X (Abstract)	

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